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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

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vs.

NO: EP:24-CR-01171(1)-LS

(1) FABIAN MEJIA

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UPON DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY

On this 28th day of October, 2024, the Defendant and counsel appeared before the Court. After being admonished as required by Rule 11, Fed. R. Crim. P., the Defendant pled guilty to the Indictment charging him in Count One with Conspiracy to Transport Aliens In a Manner Which Placed In Jeopardy the Life of Any Person, in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I), (a)(1)(A)(ii) and (a)(1)(B)(iii), in Count Two with Transporting Aliens In a Manner Which Placed In Jeopardy the Life of Any Person, in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (a)(1)(B)(iii), in Count Three with Conspiracy to Harbor Aliens, in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I), (a)(1)(A)(iii) and (a)(1)(B)(i), and in Count Four with Harboring Aliens for Financial Gain, in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii) and (a)(1)(B)(i).

Accordingly, the Court makes the following findings:

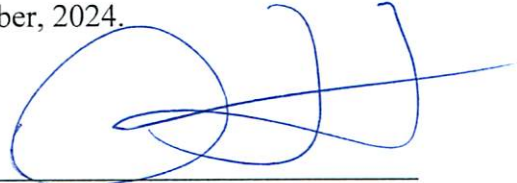
1. The Defendant has consented to the entry of a guilty plea before a Magistrate Judge, subject to final approval and sentencing by the presiding United States District Judge.
2. The Defendant fully understands the oath and the consequences of failing to tell the truth at the plea hearing.
3. The Defendant fully understands the right to plead "not guilty" and to be tried by a jury.

4. The Defendant fully understands the right to be represented by counsel at trial and at every other stage of the proceeding.
5. The Defendant fully understands the right to a trial and that if the Defendant were to elect to go to trial, the Defendant would have the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from compelled self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.
6. The Defendant fully understands that if the guilty plea is accepted, there will not be a trial in this case.
7. The Defendant fully understands that in determining sentence, the sentencing court will consider the applicable Sentencing Guidelines, including any departures that might be applicable, as well as the sentencing factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). The Defendant also fully understands that although the sentencing court will consider the applicable sentencing guidelines, they are advisory in nature.
8. The Defendant's plea was not induced by any promises, and the Defendant's plea was not induced by any threats, force or threats of force.
9. The Defendant is competent to enter a plea.
10. The Defendant's plea is made freely, knowingly, and voluntarily.
11. There is a factual basis to support the plea of guilty.
12. At the hearing, the Defendant agreed to proceed with his guilty plea despite that Count Three of the Indictment did not include the following statutory offense language: "knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that certain aliens had come to, entered, and remained in the United States in violation of law." The Defendant thus waived any non-jurisdictional error in the Indictment.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing, it is recommended to the district judge that the Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted and that a judgment of guilt be entered.

SIGNED and **ENTERED** this 28th day of October, 2024.



ANNE T. BERTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE

FAILURE TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING REPORT, PRIOR TO SENTENCING, MAY BAR DE NOVO DETERMINATION BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF AN ISSUE COVERED HEREIN AND SHALL BAR APPELLATE REVIEW OF SUCH FACTUAL FINDINGS AS MAY BE ACCEPTED OR ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE.